



Needs Assessment Committee

Work Session Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

Shelby County Archives/Hall of Records Conference Room

Executive Committee

Scott Fleming, Chairman
Nick Clark, Vice-Chairman
Cato Johnson, Vice-Chairman
Nisha Powers, Secretary

Committee Members

David Lillard, Commissioner
Deidre Malone, Commissioner
Dr. Thomas Glass
Aubrey Howard
David Pickler
Patrice Robinson
Jay Weatherington

Shelby County Government
A C Wharton, Jr., Mayor
John Fowlkes, CAO

Committee members present:

Scott Fleming, Chairman	Commissioner David Lillard
Nick Clark, Vice-Chairman	Dr. Thomas Glass
Cato Johnson, Vice-Chairman	Wanda Halbert
Aubrey Howard	David Pickler
Patrice Robinson	Jay Weatherington

Committee members absent:

Nisha Powers, Secretary
Commissioner Deidre Malone

DeJong/JAED Consultants present:

Carolyn Staskiewicz, De Jong, Inc.
William DeJong, DeJong, Inc.
Joe Skinner, JAED

School personnel present:

Dr. Bobby Webb, Superintendent, SCS
Dr. Richard Holden, Assistant Superintendent, SCS
Maura Sullivan, Director of Research and Planning, SCS
Dr. Judy Ostner, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, SCS
Lavon Alston, Chief Operations Officer, MCS
John Avis, Ass. Superintendent for Instruction and Curriculum, MCS
Alexander Sasfras, Policy Planning, MCS
Tom Marshall, MCS Consultant
Jimmie Tucker, MCS Consultant
Deni Hirsh, Memphis Board of Education Member
Dr. Jeff Warren, Memphis Board of Education
Carl Johnson, Sr., Memphis Board of Education Member

Shelby County Administration and staff:

John Fowlkes, CAO
Kevin Gallagher, Mayor's Office, Public Affairs
Grace Hutchinson, Deputy Director, Finance and Administration
Floria Todd, Shelby County Board of Commissioners
Marion Jones, Senior Planner, Memphis and Shelby County DPD

Visitors present:

Éthele Hilliard, Partners in Public Education
Dr. Susan Roakes, U of M, Dept. of City and Regional Planning

Chairman Fleming called the work session to order at 8:37 A.M.

William DeJong narrated a PowerPoint Presentation on the world trends, the skills our children will need to prosper in a global economy and the design needs/spaces of students in technology supported classrooms. The presentation also discussed community school facilities.

The consultants asked each person present to complete an individual questionnaire. Attendees broke off into small groups and addressed the questionnaire as a group. Each group selected a spokesperson who recorded the groups responses on larger sheets hung around the room. As the consultants reviewed and commented on the responses of the various groups, each group was asked to explain and discuss their answers. This concluded the work session.

Nick Clark announced the next meeting would be Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nisha Powers, Secretary

Date